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TO AMEMBASSY CARACAS

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EGEN, EINV, ECOSOC

SUBJECT: ILLICIT PAYMENTS INITIATIVE

REFS: (A) PANAMA 4363 (B) USUN 1394

1. AT THE HEADS OF GOVERNMENT MTG IN PANAMA AT THE  
EXCHANGE OF RATIFICATION INSTRUMENTS FOR THE CANAL  
TREATY, VENEZUELA JOINED WITH THE U.S., COSTA RICA,  
COLUMBIA AND JAMAICA IN ENDORSING THE ILLICIT PAYMENTS  
INITIATIVE UNDERWAY IN THE UNITED NATIONS ECOSOC.  
(REFTEL A).

2. THE VENEZUELANS ARE KEY ACTORS IN G-77 AND SUPPORT  
FROM THEM WOULD BE EXTREMELY HELPFUL IN THE WORKING  
GROUP, WHICH IS SCHEDULED TO MEET IN NEW YORK JUNE 26-30.  
THE U.S. OBJECTIVE IS TO PERSUADE THE FULL ECOSOC  
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WHEN IT MEETS IN JULY TO CONVENE A DIPLOMATIC CON-  
FERENCE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE IN 1978 OR 1979 TO CONCLUDE  
AN AGREEMENT. TO ACHIEVE THIS, WE NEED AS MUCH SUPPORT  
AS POSSIBLE FROM G-77 AND OECD COUNTRIES IN THE WORKING  
GROUP AND AT ECOSOC.

3. TO DATE, THE VENEZUELANS HAVE NOT PLAYED AN

ACTIVE PART IN THE WORKING GROUP. IN VIEW OF THE NEW  
EXPRESSION OF HIGH LEVEL VENEZUELAN INTEREST IN THE  
ISSUE, WE REQUEST EMBASSY TO EXPLORE WITH APPROPRIATE  
HOST GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS WHETHER IT IS POSSIBLE  
TO GAIN GREATER PARTICIPATION AND SUPPORT FROM  
VENEZUELA IN THE U.N. EFFORT. THE  
VENEZUELANES HAVE PARTICIPATED IN THE WORKING GROUP  
THROUGH DELEGATES FROM THEIR U.N. MISSION WHO,  
ALTHOUGH ATTENDING CONSISTENTLY, HAVE TAKEN NO  
POSITIONS ON THE ISSUES UNDER DISCUSSION. IN PARTICULAR,  
WE WOULD SEEK VENEZUELA'S SUPPORT IN NEXT WEEK'S  
WORKING GROUP FOR A WORKING GROUP RECOMMENDATION  
TO ECOSOC THAT THE SUBJECT IS READY FOR A DIPLO-  
MATIC CONFERENCE, AND, SUBSEQUENTLY, SUPPORT IN  
ECOSOC IN ITS JULY SESSION TO CONVENE A DIPLOMATIC  
CONFERENCE LATER IN 1978 OR IN 1979. VANCE

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